

District of Columbia  
Department of Health, HIV/AIDS Administration  
*Fact Sheet*

The District of Columbia was one of the first recipients of a \$39 million dollar grant to implement a Ticket to Work demonstration project to expand Medicaid eligibility to people living with HIV who are working. This project began East of the Anacostia River in Wards Seven and Eight of the city and has been expanded city-wide. Enrollment began in September 2002. The program has been at capacity (420 persons) for over a year.

**What is this program?**

The Ticket to Work Demonstration encourages people to maintain employment. The District implemented this program for people who are working full-time, part-time or are self-employed and cannot obtain health insurance through their employer. Individuals must work a minimum of 40 hours a month.

People eligible for this program have access to HIV medications and health care services that can help maintain their health and allow them to continue to lead productive lives. People living with HIV in the District who enroll in the Ticket to Work program are able to work and pay taxes while also maintaining access to health insurance. People living with HIV/AIDS who enroll in this program will have the freedom to seek health care from any Medicaid-certified physician in the District.

**Who is covered through this program?**

The Ticket to Work Demonstration enrolls 420 persons with HIV/AIDS who are working at least 40 hours per month and who have incomes under 300% FPL.

**What benefits are available to people who enroll in this program?**

Medicaid benefits including hospital inpatient and outpatient care, physician and laboratory services, medical equipment and durable medical equipment, mental health services, and prescription drug coverage. People living with HIV/AIDS can go to any Medicaid-certified provider to receive services while continuing to receive selected Ryan White and HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA) funded services.

**How do people apply?**

Case managers process applications for the Medicaid HIV waiver programs. These applications are faxed to the District's AIDS Drug Assistance Program and processed at HAA – clients do not have to go to the Income Maintenance Administration or Medicaid to apply for benefits.